

## **INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE OF KAUAI**

**June 27, 2014**

**Kaua`i Hospice, 4457 Pahe`e St., Lihu`e**

**Minutes**

**Submitted by Sharon West**

**Present:** Jeffrey Pears, Sister Deborah Burnham, Vel Alahan, Sharon West, Al Albergate, Nicole Sakurai, Annaleah Atkinson, John Moore, Cynthia Moore, Joanne Watanabe

**Opening Prayer:** Jeffrey Pears

### **Welcoming and Call to Order, Introductions**

**Minutes from May 30, 2014:** Read and approved the minutes with one change of adding details to the treasurer's report of recent transactions.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current Balance is \$794.37. A check was written for \$414.82 to reimburse Deborah for outlay of funds for International Day of Peace, 2013. The new officers (Jeffrey Pears, Deborah Burnham, and Sharon West) signed the bank signature form. The IRK bank account with BOH was originally set up as a non-profit status under the United Church of Christ, Waimea, HI. Checks require only one officer's signature. A new policy approved by vote is as follows: Emergency approval (between monthly meetings) can be obtained with the verbal agreement of two officers. A new policy for funding future projects was approved by vote: Prior to receiving funds for any proposed event or project, the committee chairperson(s) must submit a proposed budget to be approved by the membership in attendance at the monthly meeting in which the proposal is submitted and discussed.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Mission Statement was discussed and tabled to give membership more opportunity to consider proposed versions. The following items were discussed, voted on, and approved by membership: Website postings will be decided by vote of membership. Operational Guidelines will be posted on website. The Links Page Request form will be re-titled to Members Links Page Request form and then is approved to post to website. The IRK Payment Request Form will not be posted on the website. The YouTube video of our recent participation in the National Day of Prayer will be posted to the website.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Membership committee

Committee chairperson John Moore, shared ideas for increasing membership and invited all to submit ideas. It was suggested that IRK sponsor educational events to further inform the public of IRK's existence and our mission.

#### Public Relations committee

Committee chairperson, Al Albergate, will write and feed local press information (after running it by the executive committee) of any and all IRK activities that might be of interest to the public. Al suggested that a letter be written in response to an editorial that appeared in the

Garden Island paper commenting on a perceived lack of ecumenical presence at the recent National Day of Prayer event. Al is collecting photos, programs and any other printed and electronic resources that might be of use for future IRK publications. Vel will inquire if the publishing department of the Hindu Monastery will print an IRK brochure when it is drawn up. Additional discussion included the possibility of producing and distributing IRK calling cards for members to pass on to those who might have interest in IRK, as well as an annual or more frequently produced IRK newsletter.

#### Programming committee

Committee chairperson, Cynthia Moore, will schedule presenters for IRK monthly meetings, and will establish a six to eight month advanced schedule.

#### Website committee

Webmaster, Jeffrey Pears, proposed that IRK be the host of its own website. Currently, the site is a secondary site existing under Jeffrey's primary site, [www.livingyourpassion.org](http://www.livingyourpassion.org). By membership vote, the proposal was approved in the amount of \$229.99 be paid to fund the change (\$99.99 migration fee), \$10/month hosting fee to Bluehost.com for one year, and \$10/year for localendar. If Bluehost will extend a discount, the cost will be less to IRK.

#### **Future Monthly Meeting Program**

July 25<sup>th</sup>: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

August 29<sup>th</sup>: Kundalini Yoga

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

Discussion of changing acronym to IRoK from IRK tabled and the membership will be polled for consideration. It was voted and approved to add "Announcements" to our monthly agenda.

#### **Announcements**

Jeffrey passed out a flyer about an Interfaith Workshop: Exploring Converging Paths of Religions, sponsored by Belnet, UH Dept. of Religion, and Milun and scheduled for September 1, 2014 in Honolulu. Hawaii Representative to the U.S. Congress Tulsi Gabbard and Hawaii State Senator Suzie Chun Oakland are invited as guest speakers. For more information, go to [www.allbelievers.net](http://www.allbelievers.net).

**Next meetings:** July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup>; and September 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. at Lihu'e Hongwanji Temple.

#### **Adjourn**

**Closing Prayer:** Sharon West

**ALOHA!**

*May Peace Be With You*